



## North Dakota Hospital Association Annual Member and Business Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

**Members Present:** Craig Lambrecht, Keith Heuser, Pat Branco, Darrold Bertsch, Mariann Doeling, K.C. DeBoer, Randy Pederson, Tod Graber, Andy Lankowicz, Peggy Reinke, Roger Baier, Jac McTaggart, Ben Bucher, Cody Barnhart, Matt Shahan, Pete Antonson, Robert Black, Tim Saylor, Bev Vilhauer, Chris Wyatt, Brandon Mickelson, Nikki Johnson, Lavonne Liversage and Jeff Herman.

The Annual Member and Business Meeting of the North Dakota Hospital Association (NDHA) was called to order at 2:34 p.m. (CT) by Craig Lambrecht, MD, NDHA Board Chair, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo, ND on October 3, 2017. A quorum of members was present.

**AHA Grassroots Champion Award** – Paul Muraca, the American Hospital Association (AHA) Regional Executive, Region VI, presented the AHA Grassroots Champion Award, which recognizes those hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, do an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital and are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients. Mr. Muraca explained that AHA depends upon strong local voice to help tell the story of hospitals as cornerstones of the communities they serve. Mr. Muraca presented this year's AHA Grassroots Champion Award to Reed Reyman, President of CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson Medical Center. Accepting for Mr. Reyman was DeeAnna Opstdahl.

**Approval of Minutes** – Dr. Lambrecht presented to the membership for approval the minutes of the October 4, 2016, Annual Member and Business Meeting. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the October 4, 2016 minutes were approved.

**Announcements:** Jerry Jurena, NDHA President, announced the list of those CEO's who are retiring and made introductions of the new CEO's.

### **Reports:**

- The NDHA President's Report was given by Mr. Jurena.
- The Outgoing Chair's Report was presented by Dr. Lambrecht.
- The Incoming Chair's Report presented by Keith Heuser.

- The NDHA 2017-2018 Budget was presented by Callen Cermak, NDHA Finance Manager. This year's budget approved by the NDHA Board of Directors includes a 3% plus \$300 dues increase. NDHA's for-profit subsidiary, Hospital Services, Inc.'s (HSI), estimated 2017-2018 dividend payment to NDHA is \$126,000. The North Dakota Hospital Foundation (NDHF) is financially sound. NDHF budgeted \$500 per NDHA member to offset registration fees for education events, scholarships for staff, consulting expense assistance, and workforce assistance for a total of \$24,000.
- The NDHF report was presented by Pete Antonson, NDHF Board Chair.
- The HSI report was presented by Kim Granfor, Vice President. HSI has five (5) divisions: Physician Peer Review, Collections, Group Purchasing, Business Linx, and Physician Recruitment. Ms. Granfor explained each division.

**Presentations:**

- An "Opioid Substance Abuse" presentation was given by David Schmitz, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of North Dakota. Dr. Schmitz explained the action plans for three key issues in ND:
  - 1) Opioid use disorder and medication assisted therapy - Project ECHO launch;
  - 2) Addressing rural community needs through patient education - Targeted Rural Health Education (TRHE) project in North Dakota; and
  - 3) Workforce Strategies – collaboration for educating our medical students and residents in and for North Dakota.
- An AHA Advocacy & Washington update was given by Mr. Muraca and John Flink, NDHA federal advocacy consultant. They discussed the Affordable Care Act (ACA) repeal and replace efforts in Congress. It is a critical time in Washington on other key issues such as the debt ceiling, funding the government, response to hurricanes Harvey and Irma, the health insurance exchanges, and tax reform. The floor was opened for questions.

Mr. Jurena mentioned that all reports and presentations will be posted on the NDHA website.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business and upon a motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

*Lori Schmautz*

Recording Secretary